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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Shimkets and Leach
SERIAL NO.: 09/718,321 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE: November 22, 2000 ART UNIT: 1645
FOR: NUCLEIC ACIDS CONTAINING SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to respond to the May 7, 2000, Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 7, 2002. A check in the amount of \$460.00, in payment of the required fee is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-599 (CURA-99). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

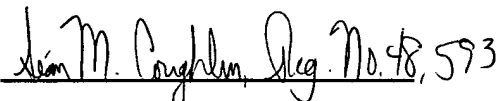
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Respectfully submitted,

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